

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A processing program edition conferencing method that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to have a virtual examination of the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, said method comprising the steps of:

a computer of the initial contractor prompting a computer of an outsourcing service center to login to said computer of the initial contractor;

said computer of the outsourcing center logging in to said computer of the initial contractor; and

said computer of the outsourcing center thus logged in to said computer of the initial contractor, operating said computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to the processing edition conference from said initial contractor.

2. (Original) The processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1 wherein said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in

connection with said processing edition conference includes a step of creating a control program for an NC machine tool for producing said sheet metal product.

3. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein said operating of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes a step of calculating an estimate for the product.

4. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1 ~~any of claim 1 to 3~~ wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the initial contractor.

5. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1 ~~any of claim 1 to 4~~ wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

6. (Original) A processing program edition conferencing system that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to

have a virtual examination of the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, said system comprising:

means of computer of the initial contractor for prompting a computer of an outsourcing service center to login to said computer of the initial contractor;

means of computer of the outsourcing center for logging in to said computer of the initial contractor; and

means of computer of the outsourcing center logged in to said computer of the initial contractor for operating said computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to the processing edition conference from said initial contractor.

7. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 2 wherein said operating of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes a step of calculating an estimate for the product.

8. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the initial contractor.

9. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the initial contractor.

10. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the initial contractor.

11. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

12. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

13. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 4 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said

computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

14. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

15. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 8 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

16. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 9 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.

17. (New) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 10 wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by said operating of said computer of the initial contractor in connection with said processing edition conference, in memory of said computer of the outsourcing service center.